(c) whether this project is in operation in some states only, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to extend this facility to the remaining States also; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (e). The Project Integrated Education for the Disabled (PIED) has been designed to strengthen implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for the disabled Children (IEDC). The PIED is being implemented on an experimental basis in one block each in the States of Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu as well as the Municipal Corporations of Delhi and Baroda.

The project envisages coverage of children with all disabilities including the mentally and physically handicapped. The broad outlines of the Project are:

(i) Composite area approach to planning and management of educational facilities for children with disabilities;

(ii) Utilisation of the general education infrastructure through training and support from multi-category trained resource teachers;

(iii) Utilisation of available structures from other sectors like health, welfare and women and child development to support rehabilitation aspects;

(iv) Provision of special teaching learning aids and equipment based on functional assessment;

(v) Mobilisation of parents and community support;

(iv) Continuous monitoring of progress of the children in the project area.

According to information furnished by NCERT about 12,914 disabled children are at present receiving services under this Project.

While the PIED is being implemented in selected areas and is jointly funded by UNICEF and the Government of India, financial assistance to all States/UTs is available for the education of the disabled children under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of IEDC.

[*Translation*]

Special Courts for Atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

2624. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commission Scheduled Castes/Tribes in its Report has requested the Union Government to set up Special Courts in each State for timely disposal of pending cases regarding atrocities committed, on Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the names of States where Special Courts have not been set up till June 1991; and

(c) the time by which the Government propose to set up such courts in those States?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Commission has recommended the setting up of exclusive special courts.

(b) All States and Union Territories, except Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Nagaland have specified special courts as required under Section 14 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The State of Rajasthan has set up six exclusive special courts for trying atrocity cases against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(c) The State Governments/UTs have been requested to take urgency necessary action.

[*English*]

C.P.W.D. Staff Declared Industrial Workers

2625. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the services of office staff working in Divisional and sub divisional offices of CPWD are essential services;

(b) whether the staff of other categories i.e. Work Charged staff working in Divisional and sub divisional officers of CPWD have since been declared industrial workers under I.D. Act. 1948;

(c) if so, the reasons for discriminating between officer staff and W.C. staff; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No Sir, they have not been declared as essential service.

(b) The workcharged staff working in Divisional and Sub-Divisional offices of CPWD are not formally declared as industrial workers. However, for certain matters like grant of leave, membership of trade union, etc., the employees in the work charged establishment are regarded as industrial workers and government by industrial laws of the country as applicable.

(c) and (d). Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Naming of Roads After Bir Tikendrajeet

2626. SHRI YAIMA SINGH YUMNAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for naming one of the roads/lanes in the capital after Bir Tikendrajeet who was a martyr; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) There is no such proposal with Delhi Administration which is primarily concerned with the matter.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (a).

[*English*]

Persons Suffering from Cataract

2627. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether lakhs of people are suffering from cataract in the country;

(b) if so, the number thereof State-Wise;

(c) whether patients suffering from cata-